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# REDISTRICTING THE KING COUNTY COUNCIL

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King County has new council district boundaries, which reflect the voter approved initiative to reduce the Council from 13 members to 9. These new districts will go into effect next year, after 9 King County Council members are elected in the Fall of 2005.

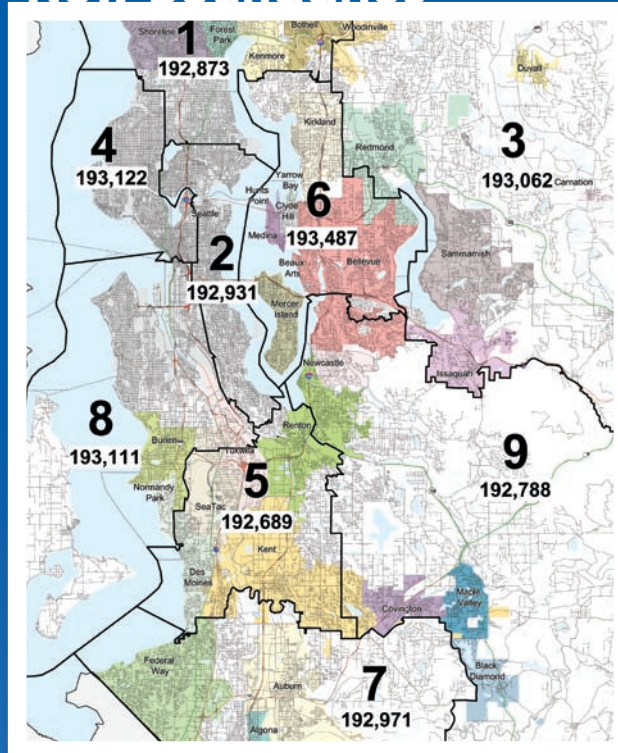
If you are unsure of what district you'll be in after the election, please call my office: 206.296.1013.

My website has detailed maps available:  
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It's a pleasure to serve you,

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## New Boundaries



# Redistricting Guide

**King County Council**  
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Dear Neighbors:

The King County Council was reduced from 13 members to 9 on November 2, 2004, when voters approved a charter amendment.

Shortly thereafter, the King County Council was tasked with selecting a four person Districting Committee. This Committee, with the help of their non partisan chair and a map maker, redrew the lines of King County Council districts. Next year, each newly elected Councilmember will represent approximately 193,000 constituents, which is 60,000 more than before. This election will take place in November of 2005.

Four public hearings were held during the process. The main themes expressed by South King County residents were:

1. Do not develop elongated districts that do not contain communities of interest.
2. Maintain strong representation for South King County by not pairing South King County cities with Seattle or East King County communities.
3. Keep airport cities (Normandy Park, Burien, SeaTac, and Des Moines) together in one County Council district.

Although not all my constituents' suggestions were applied to the new district map, their voice helped shape the end result. On January 15, a final district map was adopted into law by the Districting Committee. The King County Council did not have a role in approving the final plan.

More details on the plan, as well as maps and a timeline are inside. As always, please feel welcome to contact my office if you have questions about redistricting or any other County issue.

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# REDISTRICTING THE KING COUNTY COUNCIL

## KING COUNTY COUNCIL REDISTRICTING TIMELINE

**NOVEMBER 2, 2004**

Voters approved reduction of the council (56.5% voted 'yes') Voters approved plan 1a, which required the new map be drawn by January 15, 2005. It also required all King County Councilmembers to run for election in November of 2005.

**NOVEMBER 22, 2004**

Council appointed four King County citizens (Michael Mann (D), Skip Rowley (R), Joann Francis (D), and Steve Dennis (R)) to serve on an independent Districting Committee.

**DECEMBER 1, 2004**

Members of the Districting Committee selected public policy consultant Steve Ohlenkamp as Districting Committee Chair, and John Schlosser of Schlosser Geographic Systems, Inc., as the Districting Master.

**JANUARY 3, 2005**

The Districting Committee presented four draft plans that reduce the number of Council districts from 13 to 9.

**JANUARY 7, 2005**

After taking public comment at three public hearings, the Districting Committee reduced the four proposed maps to two.

**JANUARY 8, 2005**

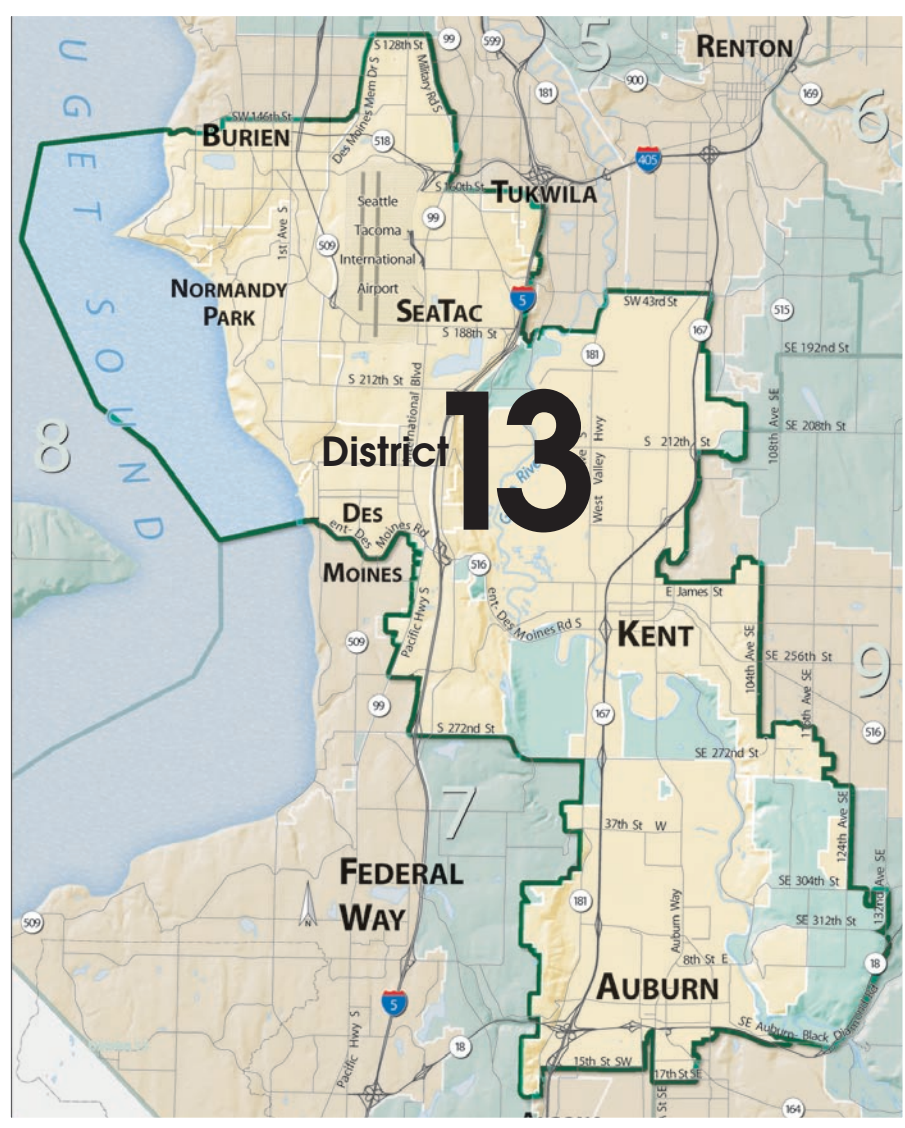
The Districting Committee presented its final draft plan and held a final public hearing.

**JANUARY 15, 2005**

The Districting Committee adopted the final district map, dividing King County into 9 Council districts.

*The new map is featured on the back of this newsletter.*

### Current District 13



### NOTABLE CHANGES IN REDISTRICTING

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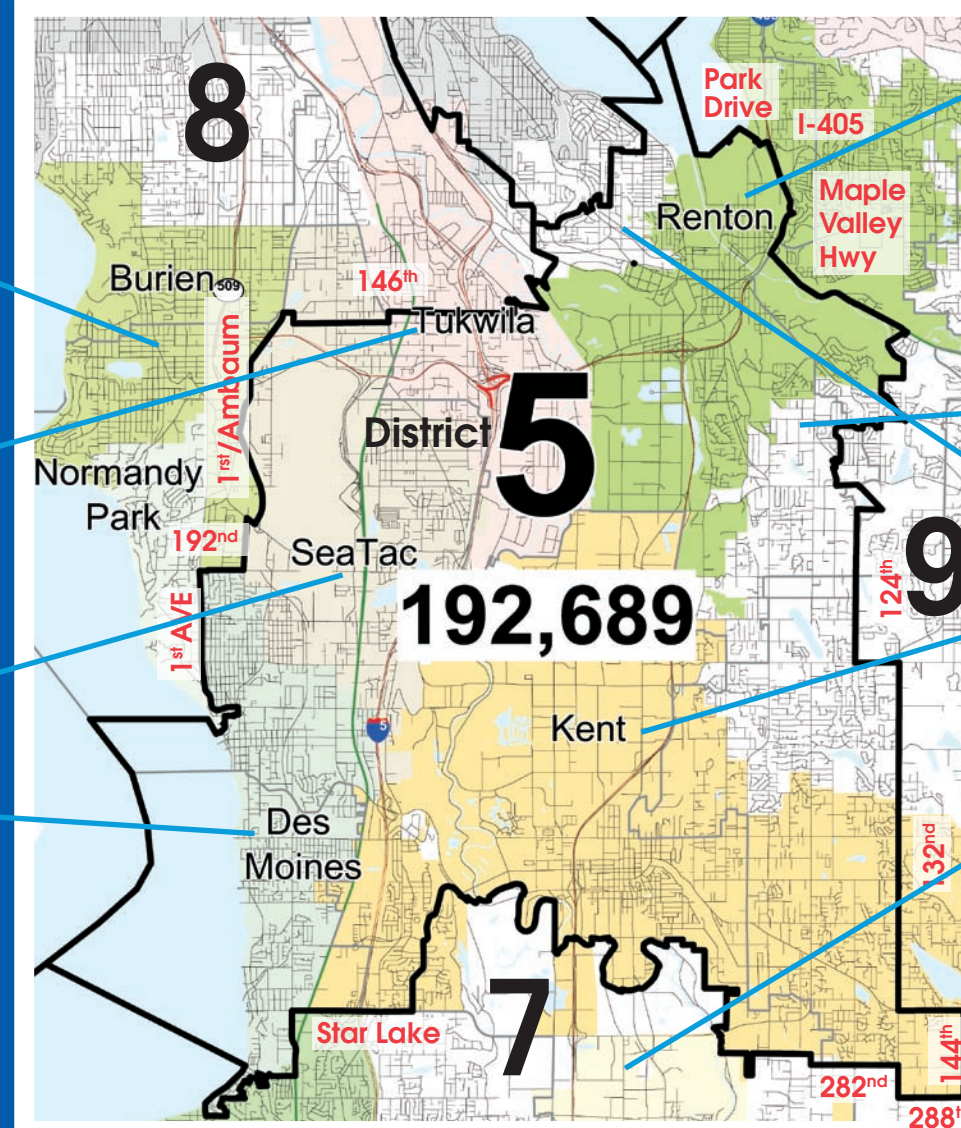
**Normandy Park** and **Burien** will be represented by the Councilmember elected in District 8.

District 5 will include about **half of Tukwila**, from approximately 146th Street to the southernmost tip of the city. The other half of Tukwila will be in District 8.

**SeaTac** will be represented by the District 5 Councilmember.

**Des Moines** will no longer be split into two Council districts and will be contained in District 5.

### Future District 5



District 5 will also include a large percentage of **Renton**, from its borders with Tukwila and Kent to Maple Valley Highway and up I-405 to Park Drive and west to Lake Washington. The remaining areas of Renton will be located in District 9.

**Southeast unincorporated areas** next to Renton as well as **1/3 of unincorporated Skyway** area will be included in District 5.

**Kent** will be divided into three districts, but the majority will lie in District 5. District 7 and District 9 will contain the remainder.

**Auburn** will no longer be divided and will be represented by the Councilmember elected to District 7.

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